(b) what are the specific areas together with the specific amount invested therein;

(c) the additional infrastructure created/built up so far; and

(d) whether liberalisation has resulted in unemployment of workers who had been working there for long time, if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The private sector has been permitted to invest in the areas of leasing, construction and operation of container terminals, berths, warehousing, container freight stations, storage facilities, tank farms, equipments, dry docking and ship repairs and captive power plants. Some of the projects so far awarded to private entrepreneurs are at preliminary stages of implementation and it is early to indicate the amount of investment specifically. However, the indicative cost of projects approved so far is of the order of Rs. 2000 crores.

(d) No, sir.

Procurement of Vessels

712. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for acquiring vessles pending with Government;

(b) the steps taken to clear those proposals; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The following 8 proposals are pending for approval:

(i) Acquisition of 2 product tankers of 45,000 Dead Weight Tonne (DWT) each by Shipping Corporation of India.

(ii) Acquisition of 4 Aframax tankers of 1,10,000 DWT each by Shipping Corporation of India.

(iii) Acquisition of two LPG/Ammonia Carriers of 50,000 Cubic meter each by Shipping Corporation of India.

(iv) Acquisition of a 400 passenger-cum-cargo vessel by Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

(v) Acquisition of a 700 passenger-cum-cargo vessel by Lakshadweep Administration.

(vi) Acquisition of a second hand tug by M/s. Cargil (I) Private Limited, New Delhi.

(vii) Acquisition of a second hand tug by M/s. ABC & Sons Limited, Mumbai.

(viii) Acquisition of a second hand tug by M/s. ETA Port Operations & Rapid Transport System, Chennai.

The above proposals are awaiting clearance/approval of the appropriate authorities and who are being pursued to expedite their clearance/approval.

Revised National Roads Safety Policy

713. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted revised National Roads Safety Policy as proposed by the National Roads Safety Council for reducing the accident rate in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; whether the Council has also recommended amending the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 for enhancing road safety;

(c) the time by which the legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced;

(d) whether the Central Government have requested the State Governments to play an important role in the field of road safety; and